



Update

Spring Term 3

February 2011

Rock Challenge

The big day, Friday March 4th is approaching. The rehearsals are going really well and the whole concept is great. In fact the whole production looks exciting. A huge thanks to Mrs James and Mrs Beecham. Tickets are available to all from Southampton Guildhall box office on **02380 632601**. All the signs are that this is going to be a big event with lots of schools. Ideally to support the school, and cheer a bit, a big home crowd is needed so bring your friends and family support the children and have a good Friday night on 4th March.

Year 3: In science, we have been investigating how liquids break our teeth, by pouring liquids into jars with boiled eggs in. The eggs are now going to be left for one week. (The containers are sealed!!) In maths we have been working on are times tables and rounding numbers. In literacy we have been writing our own adventure story. (By Bolek and Benedict)

Year 4: In maths we have been doing symmetry, we have even tried making our own symmetrical patterns for our partners to copy. We have also learnt to use the squares in our books to set our work out clearly. In literacy we have been doing information texts and have made our own in partners. We had to choose an animal and research about it. We really enjoyed this task. (By Zemirah and Tom)

Year 5: This week in maths Y5 have been doing a bit of division with chunking. We have also been working hard at our assembly, which is going to be great! In literacy we have just started studying Indian stories. During geography we have been writing about the physical and manmade features of Southampton and Chembakolli, which is in India. In science we have been trying to find out how much air there is in soil. (By Raluca)

Year 6: During numeracy we have been doing co-ordinates which are surprisingly challenging! Several of our class have promoted our school by performing in Winchester Cathedral, and are being very successful! In literacy we are studying flashbacks and have recently finished our graffiti topic with a revealing debate (you might already know from our homework.) We also pulled off a great assembly (not to boast!) ☺ (By Joey and George)

Update and Call Parent

As you know the Update is now being emailed. We are still waiting for replies from 34 families who have not given us their email address or informed us if they want a paper copy. If you haven't please could you let the office know. Spare copies are available from the office and the Update is posted on the website.

Call parent text messages cost nearly £300 in the snowy period before Christmas so you will notice that fewer messages are now being sent.

Oak and Willow

As part of the children's training for the 'Ginger Bread Workshop' the children have been exploring a 100 square adding 1 more and using mathematical symbols. They have been looking at characters in traditional tales in order to create their own.

Ash and Maple

In maths the focus has been on angles, position and direction as well as on going number work. The children's shoe box rooms (designed during a session where the children worked in mixed classes) are soon to benefit from electric lighting as the children apply their knowledge of circuits.

In English the children are creating character profiles of traditional story characters.

Parking

We are still calling for vouchers. Sadly some staff have had parking tickets from a zealous warden. Any tickets or spare drives at home, unused during the day please!

Our continued thanks to The Highfield who have allowed some parking.

Notices:

- Please can all money come to school in named envelopes.
- You may wish to spread the word to your teachers & pupils that, Ali Sparkes will be at the Central Library Southampton, this Saturday 5th February 2pm to do a Meet the Author session. Ali will be reading from some of her books.
- Some children are being dropped off at school before 8:45. This is too early. There is no access to the school at this time and no supervision on the play ground or outside areas. Breakfast club has places and safe provision is available for £2.50 a session.
- 'Danceathon' for Leukaemia charity. A reminder this is on 11th February. Please return Sponsorship forms by 18th February.

Dates

Day Closure is on Monday 21st March. Dates for the year are available on past Updates and the website.